

# WILKINS TOWNSHIP

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Spring/Summer 2010

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### The 17th Annual Summer Festival



The 17th annual Wilkins Township Summer Festival will be celebrated on Tuesday June 22, 2010 through Saturday June 26th. The hours this year will be from 6 pm to 11 pm nightly. Summer Festival will be held at Penn Center parking lot behind Sears.

The Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board has planned another year packed full of fun for the whole family. Tropical Amusements are back providing the Carnival midway. The rides will operate from 7 pm to 11 pm nightly. Both single tickets and all night wrist bands are available for sale.

There will be a variety of food from all the vendors, so come hungry.

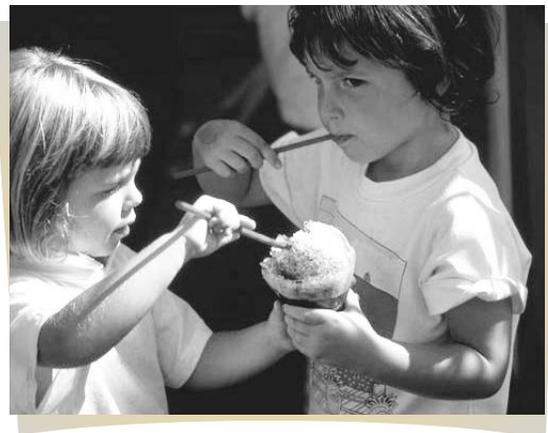
There will be free entertainment from these bands nightly performing 2 sets 7:30 and 9:15pm as follows:

Tuesday	June 22	Joe Grushecky & the House Rockers
Wednesday	June 23	Saddle Up Band
Thursday	June 24	Billy Price
Friday	June 25	Jimmie Ross and the Jaggerz
Saturday	June 26	Girlz in Black Hats

The **car cruise** starts at 5 pm on Friday June 25th. The entry fee is a \$5.00 donation with all proceeds going to Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board. Rain date is on Saturday the 26th.

On Saturday June 26th at 10:30 pm Pyrotecnico will be putting on a **spectacular fireworks** display again this year.

Please come join in all the fun and support Wilkins Township non-profit groups. We hope to make this the best Summer Festival yet! See you there! ■



## Wilkins Police partners with ACIMA, NCMEC, & Nixle

Wilkins Police have partnered with the A Child is Missing Alert system, a nationwide community alert program. ACIMA assists law enforcement in the search and early safe recovery efforts of children and elderly or disabled persons via a rapid-response neighborhood alert program utilizing high-tech telephony systems. Used in conjunction with Pennsylvania's Amber Alert system, or solely on its own, ACIMA will be a valuable tool in protecting the most vulnerable citizens of our community.



May 25th is National Missing Children's Day. In honor of this, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children promotes the Take 25 campaign. Designed to raise awareness of the issues surrounding missing and exploited children, the Take 25 campaign encourages parents, guardians, educators, and others to take 25 minutes to talk to children about safety. With a focus on prevention, Wilkins Police will distribute materials, such as safety tips & conversation starters for parents, to our student community through the Wilkins Primary School.

Wilkins Police have joined Nixle, a public information service connecting communities like never before! Utilizing a secure, authenticated, and reliable communications network, Wilkins Police can issue real-time credible public safety information via text message, email, or the web. We anticipate a launch date in summer 2010. Stay tuned!

Wilkins Police encourage you to learn more on the web at:

HYPERLINK "<http://achildissing.org>"<http://achildissing.org>

HYPERLINK "<http://www.take25.org>"<http://www.take25.org>

HYPERLINK "<http://www.nixle.com>"<http://www.nixle.com>



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## RED CROSS

Members of the Wilkins Township community are teaming with the American Red Cross to establish a group that will help our friends and neighbors in case of an emergency with shelter, food and information. This would be used for major emergencies such as the flooding seen in 2009 as well as for establishing warming and cooling stations during power outages. The Red Cross is providing training and a trailer with basic supplies, but more help is needed. During the flood last year the people who were affected needed towels and dry socks, which are not provided by the Red Cross. We are asking for donations of new socks, slippers and towels to help in an emergency. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase these. If you would like to make a donation, or to volunteer, please contact the Wilkins Township offices.

- Thank you. ■



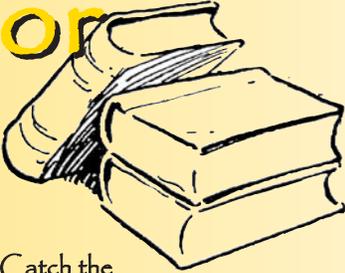
## The State of Recycling

The State of Recycling is in constant flux due changing economics. Please see updated information on how to recycle items for the inside of your house to outside. Before making a special trip to recycling centers, please visit our website at:

[www.wilkins township.com](http://www.wilkins township.com)

click on Service and Utilities  
click on Recycling  
click on CAEC State of Recycling

# C.C. Mellor Memorial Library



Catch the  
Reading Bug!

**C. C. Mellor Memorial Library** will again be offering children's programs this summer in Wilkins. Every Wednesday for nine weeks beginning on June 16 at 1pm reading programs will be held at the Wilkins Community Building. Our format has changed a bit. From 1-1:30pm we will hold a preschool story hour, which will include stories, finger plays, group activities and a craft, for the younger set. From 1:30-2pm its the Make a Splash Discovery Club for children kindergarten to fourth grade. This group will explore various books each week, do activities related to water, and create a take home project. The programs are free, and it is not necessary to sign up in advance.

In addition all children will be able to sign up and participate in the Make a Splash Summer Reading Club. Children are asked to do independent reading in the week between programs and report back on what they have read. Prizes will be given at the end of the program to children who complete the clubs, and names will be sent to the children's schools. Children may also participate in the reading club at the library's website

HYPERLINK "<http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org>"

[www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

Check this website for information on all library activities.



Please visit us at one of our two locations:



## **C. C. Mellor Memorial Library**

1 Pennwood Avenue  
Edgewood, PA 15218  
412-731-0909

Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm  
Fri 10am-5pm  
Sat 9am-4pm

## **Forest Hills Branch**

444 Avenue D (Lower Level)  
Forest Hills, PA 15221  
412-824-3567

Mon, Fri, Sat 10am-2pm  
Tues, Weds 4-8pm



Wilkins Twp. #3 V.F.C. is hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday September the 12th from 2:30 to 7:00 pm. You can eat in or takeout.

Thank you to those who already turned in your 2010 donation to your Fire Company and a reminder to those who still need to do so. (We also understand that times are tough so please donate what you can afford)

Our Banquet Hall is available for rentals year round.  
Please call 412-271-4000

*Just a reminder!*



United Way Contributions can be directed to YOUR Fire Company just click on to

HYPERLINK

"<http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/>"  
<http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/>

Our agency code is 2613

Volunteer Today!

Check out our Web site

"[Get on the truck.org](http://Get on the truck.org)"

Help us help you make sure your house number is visible so that Emergency personnel can see it easily

See you at the Summer Festival!





## Vacant Property Purchase Program

Is the lot beside you vacant? Are you taking care of it even though you do not own it? Have you tried to buy the property before, only to find out that the owner is deceased or unable to be found? Are there tax liens against the property that make buying it impossible? Jordan Tax Service would like to talk to you. Through the Vacant Property Recovery Program, you might be able to buy that vacant lot "free and clear." The average cost to do so is \$5,000.

If you would like to purchase that vacant lot, please contact T.J. at Jordan Tax Service:  
412-835-5243 x 10. ■



## Lunch with Peter Cottontail

The Recreation Advisory Board would like to thank all the families who came out to have lunch with Peter Cottontail and making it a huge success. The children loved the magic act by Robin Kelly and the having their caricatures done by Manuella Kuchta, but most importantly getting their basket and picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to everyone that helped with this event. See you next year!



## Having trouble with skunks?

Please pick up all pet food and keep rubbish in cans. For additional information visit our website at

[www.wilkins township.com](http://www.wilkins township.com)

Click on Services and Utilities  
Click on Animal Control ■



## Summer Parks Program

Where:

Linhart Park – James Street

Lions Park – Miller Street

Eastmont Park – Frazier Drive

When:

June 14th – August 20st

Monday – Friday

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Who:

All Wilkins Township Children



Come join the fun at one of the Township's three parks this summer! Every summer, the Township sponsors a summer program at our three community parks. Children will be supervised by a Township employee and will have an opportunity to play and make crafts each day. Lunch is provided each day of the twelve week program at no cost. The lunch program is sponsored by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services Offices of Community Service. ■



## WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

The season is underway and is growing in popularity within the Township. On any given weeknight, Saturday and Sunday until the end of June, one of our teams can be spotted at Lion's Park. We welcome any and all fans to soak in a game, patronize our loaded concession stand, and root our local boys and girls on to victory. ◆





In the first three months of 2010, Wilkins #4 responded to 56 calls. That's an average of more than four calls per week. We were busiest when the weather was worst. Despite the enormous amounts of snow that obstructed our efforts, we were able to persevere through wind, cold, snow, and darkness to respond in emergencies

such as car accidents and downed power lines. We left warmth and safety to do hard work in unpleasant conditions, but it was all worthwhile to us and those we helped. A special thank you to neighbors who cleared around hydrants.

At this year's Wilkins Community Festival, June 22 – 26, we will have fun games and prizes. The proceeds will help support our work. Please visit our booth.

We are your neighbors. Like you, we have work and family responsibilities. We are unpaid volunteers who provide fire suppression, rescue, and damage control services – totally without charge. To be effective, we must keep up our skills through training and frequent drills, deploy specialized vehicles and equipment, and make personal sacrifices – all to protect your life and property.

We need more volunteer firefighters. We also need volunteers to perform tasks such as cleaning and maintaining equipment, the fire hall and grounds, and planning and staffing events. Furthermore, we must continually raise funds to cover utilities costs and purchase, maintain and operate our vehicles and equipment. So consider joining us, and when asked to donate, please do so.

You may donate through the United Way at work, via the Community Campaign, or online at

HYPERLINK "<http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/>"www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org. Our United Way designated agency code is 880323.

A postscript – What we do costs time and money. We volunteers donate the time and the community donates the money. If we don't have enough volunteers or donations, then the bottom line is: NO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT = INCREASED LOCAL TAXES. ■



1923 American LaFrance pumper



2008 Smeal Sirius CAFS Engine 304

*We've come a long way!*



**Want to help Wilkins Township save money and become a greener community?**

Wilkins Township is working to inventory its greenhouse gas emissions, and find ways to reduce emissions and save money. This project is funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and conducted by graduate students and faculty of the Center for Environmental Research and Education at Duquesne University.

The project researchers would like input from community members on ways that Wilkins Township government, residents and businesses can reduce their electricity, natural gas or gasoline usage. Examples include switching streetlights and traffic signals to more efficient LED bulbs, or upgrading heating and cooling systems. ■

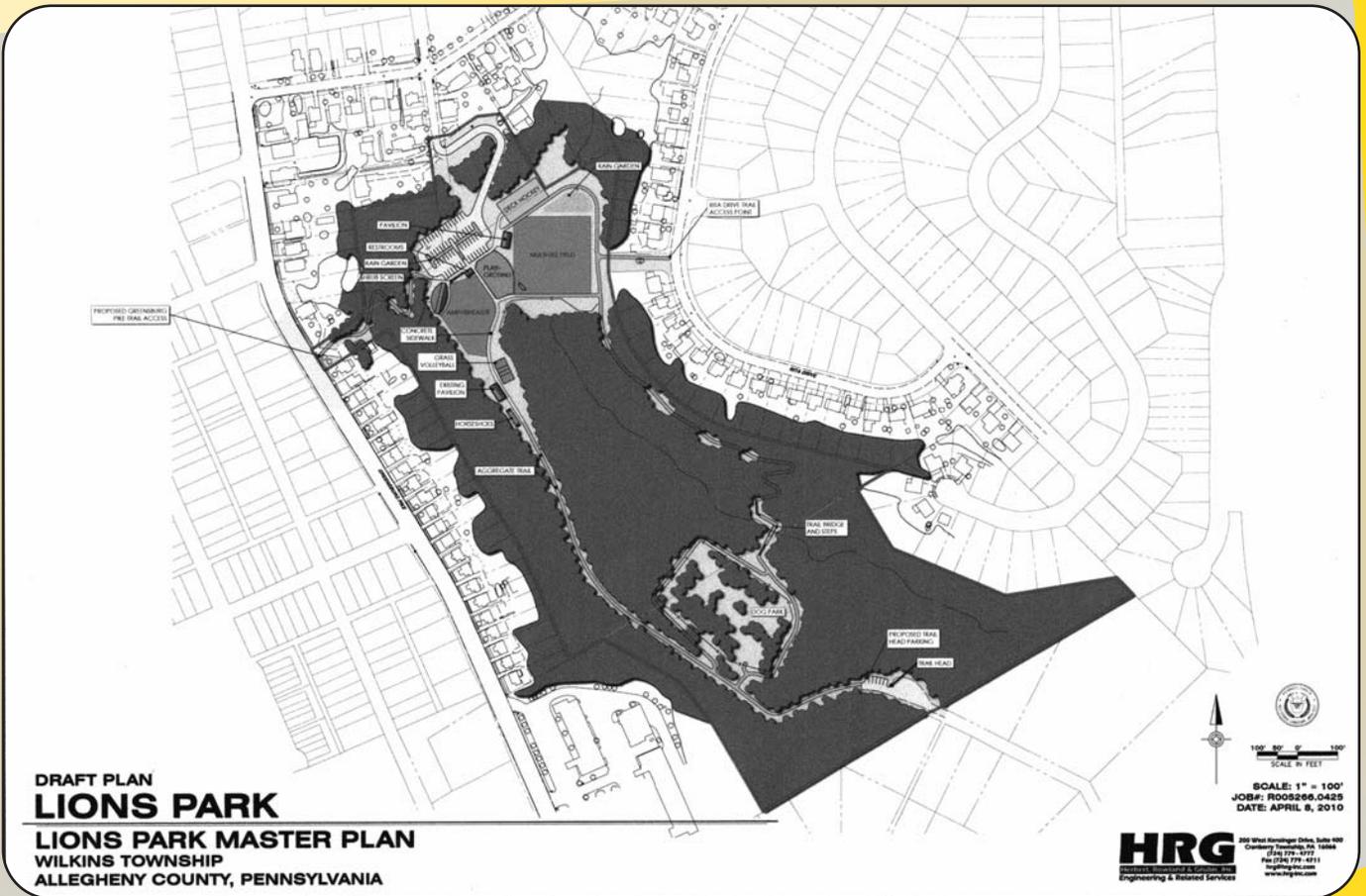
*Please send ideas, questions or comments to*

HYPERLINK "<mailto:GradAssistCERE@gmail.com>" "[\\_blank](mailto:GradAssistCERE@gmail.com)" GradAssistCERE@gmail.com.



# Lions Park Master Site Plan

Come join us on Monday, June 14, 2010 beginning at 6:00 PM for the unveiling of the Master Site Plan for Lions Park. Over the last several months, many of you received and completed surveys asking for your opinions about the future development of Lions Park. A committee of Township residents has been meeting since last November on this very subject. We are pleased to announce the unveiling of the plan and hope that you can join us at the Irene J. Pohl Municipal Building to look at our future! ■



## Party in the Park

Having a graduation, birthday, anniversary or other celebration over the summer? Why not check out renting one of the Township's three parks for your event? Park rentals are available at Linhart, Lions and Eastmont. The cost of the rental is \$80.00 for the day. For more information and to obtain an application, please visit the Township's website:



HYPERLINK "<http://www.wilkins township.com>" [www.wilkins township.com](http://www.wilkins township.com),  
or contact Mae Franc  
(HYPERLINK "<mailto:maefranc@wilkins township.com>" [maefranc@wilkins township.com](mailto:maefranc@wilkins township.com))  
412-824-6650 x 10. ■



# Citizen's Assistance Program

As a part of the Wilkins Township Police Department's new approach to community oriented policing, we are offering Township residents an opportunity to provide us with the name and telephone number of an individual with whom we may make contact in the event that we are required to gain access to your home for emergency purposes.

As our population grows older, our police officers are frequently asked by the loved ones or neighbors of our older residents to provide well-being checkups. By providing the department with the name and phone number of a key-holder, the police officers could better serve these types of requests.

Please note that we ARE NOT requesting a key to your home. We are providing you with an opportunity to give us information that we will keep on file in the Police Department. In the event of an emergency, the officer on-duty would contact the individual listed on the card so that access can be granted to the home. If you are interested in this program, please fill out the following form and mail it back to the Wilkins Township Police Department, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.



## Township of Wilkins Police Department Citizen's Assistance Program

Name of Resident(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Designated Key holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number of Designated Key holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number of Designated Key holder: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Resident:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

*Mail Completed Form To:*

**Wilkins Township Police Department**  
110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Questions? Please call: **412-824-0032**



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Check out our web site at:  
[www.wilkins township.com](http://www.wilkins township.com)

# Lunch with our Shining Seniors

**On Saturday March 13th 2010** the Boys and Girls Club of America came out and hosted our first luncheon and bingo for our township seniors at the Community Center. These teens came from all over the United States giving back to communities through volunteerism and through Pittsburgh Cares. We were honored to have them. The Recreation Advisory Board would like to thank everyone that attended and for making it a very special day! ■

